

# LEO-NET Annual Seminar

**Date:** March 20 - 22, 2019

**Venue:** Polytechnic of Leiria  
Rua General Norton de Matos  
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## Seminar Program

### March 20<sup>th</sup> (12.00 – 18.00)

12.00 – 13.00 Registration

13.00 – 13.45 Opening seminar

- Welcome by Polytechnic of Leiria
- Introduction to the seminar

13.45 – 14.45: ERASMUS+

- 'Mobility for all', taking the ERASMUS + programme to the next level. Current state of play  
Johannes Gehringer (European Commission)

14.45 – Coffee break

15.00 – 16.00: Erasmus+

- International Credit Mobility; how to achieve a proper balance between benefits and risks?  
Forum discussion with Johannes Gehringer (European Commission), Ana Cecilia Boa Ventura (Politécnico de Leiria), Karol Ovesný (Workspace Europe)

16.15 – 18.00: Field visit to regional start-up incubator

18.30 – 20.00: Meet & Greet your international trainees

### March 21<sup>th</sup> (09.00 – 17.00)

09.00 – 09.45: An intercultural experience for all; increasing our mobility targets versus sustainability challenges

09.45 – 11.00: Ethical North-South student mobility

- Sebastian Van Hoeck (UCOS)

11.00 – Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00: The importance of post traineeship debriefing; *the untold story*

- Sebastian Van Hoeck (UCOS)

13.00 – Lunch

14.30 – 17.00: Workshop The concept of Design Thinking; the added value for your organization & daily work

- Benjo van den Boogaard (Dutch Design School, Studio Why)

18.30 - Social programme

*Cooking workshop on the Portuguese Kitchen and dinner*

### March 22<sup>nd</sup> (09.00 – 13.00)

09.00 – 10.00: Leo-Net member meeting

10.00 – 11.00: Parallel round-table sessions

- Universities, Trainees and the Industry – hindrances and realistic goals

*The European Commission has published the main goals to be met for the next five years regarding traineeships in Higher Education, as well as in Universities - Industry partnerships in general. Ana Cecilia Boa Ventura, chair of this session, argues that such targets are unrealistic, when considered in the state and policy maker's contexts. She identifies some of the main problems at the base of partnerships between Universities and the Industry. She will also discuss the impact that those problems have on the trainee who is caught in the 'line of fire'. Lastly a set of realistic achievable goals for traineeships will be given.*

Chair Ana Cecilia Boa Ventura (Politécnico de Leiria)

- **The need of support for the students abroad**

*How to motivate students to apply for an internship (Erasmus+) will be the topic for discussion as well as sharing experience and identifying possible improvements in organising and promoting internship mobility.*

Chair Pavlína Kohlerová (Metropolitan University Prague)

- **Organization of Student/Graduate mobility**

*#travelingtolearn # learningtotravel are strong motivation purposes at Tenerife Job Training. TJT understands that an Erasmus student traveling abroad means a huge challenge. Some of the students are brave enough but some others need help to face this opportunity. Maria Victoria Gracia, chair of this session, wants to discuss if the assumption that university level students are mature enough to arrange everything by themselves is always true. An important question is “why should we limit the option of going abroad only to those students brave enough to face these situations on their own?”*

Chair Maria Victoria Gracia (Tenerife Job Training)

11.00 – Coffee break

**11.30 – 12.30: Outcome parallel sessions**

**12.30 – 12.45: Presentation new Leo-Net communication platform**

**12.45 - 13.00: Wrap up and closing**

**Additional to the seminar: Erasmus+ Consortia meeting**

13.00 – lunch

**14.00 – 17.00**

- Outcomes Consortia Day Ghent, November 25, 2018
- State of play towards the future Erasmus programme
- Gathering additional insights for the Consortia position paper